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[1](#)1. (C) According to Director General for the Middle East and North Asia Gordon E. Venner of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs (and Conservative Member of Parliament) Deepak Obhrai will lead Canada's delegation to the Berlin Conference on June 24. Obhrai will offer information on how Canada is spending the \$300 million that then-Foreign Minister Maxime Bernier pledged at the Paris donors' conference on December 17 (ref b). Canada's major focus continues to be on security-related programs; Venner cited "strong support" within the government for the work of General Dayton. Venner said that his staff was now collecting additional details on these ongoing programs at the request of the German co-chair, and promised to provide these to Embassy as well in advance of the June 24 conference.

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